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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 26, 2008 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION (RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Communication is submitted in response to a June 26, 2008 Non-Final Office Action (Restriction Requirement) issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 26, 2008 Non-Final Office Action is due July 28, 2008 (since July 26, 2008 falls on a Saturday). Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

In the Office Action Summary and page 2, ln. 1 of the outstanding June 26, 2008 Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 1-24 are pending and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement in connection with the subject application.